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SUBJ: MICA

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1. INDIAN TRADE SOURCE TELLS US THAT GOI DECISION "DELINKING" MICA 5 1/2 AND BELOW HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND APPROVED BY ALL CONCERNED OFFICIALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE. FINAL FORMAL APPROVAL BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN DELAYED BY INDIAN HOLIDAYS AND VISIT OF SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION BUT SIGNATURE EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS.

2. TRADE SOURCE, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN GOI DOCUMENT, STATES IT "DELINKS" TYPES OF MICA OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO US IMPORTERS. SYSTEM WOULD REVERT TO PREVIOUS SITUATION WHEREBY LETTERS OF CREDIT WOULD BE OPENED ON BEHALF OF MITCO BUT TRANSACTIONS WOULD ACTUALLY BE CARRIED OUT WITH PRIVATE INDIAN EXPORTERS. THIS IS A FACE-SAVING SOLUTION, WHICH MAINTAINS PRINCIPLE OF CHANNELIZATION WHILE TRADE, IN PRACTICE, REVERTS TO PRIVATE CHANNELS. GRADES ABOVE 5 1/2 REMAIN CHANNELIZED BUT WE UNDERSTAND THESE TYPES ARE OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO SOVIET UNION AND ONLY 10 PERCENT OR LESS OF US IMPORTS AFFECTED.

3. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS REFUSE TO CONFIRM OR
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DENY ABOVE INFORMATION BUT WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT

ITS VALIDITY.

4. GOI ANNOUNCEMENT LIKELY ALSO INCLUDE SOME PRICE
REDUCTIONS (REPORTEDLY 10-15 PERCENT) FOR BRIDGE MICA BLOCKS
AS WELL AS OTHER DECISIONS REACHED AS RESULT OF MARCH 22
MAC MEETING.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AND PENDING RECEIPT OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT WE STRONGLY URGE WITHHOLDING FURTHER GSA
STOCKPILE RELEASES. WE ARE TOLD THAT US BUYERS ARE
CURRENTLY IN NEW DELHI AND THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT
ANY SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL
GSA RELEASES.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. IN MEANTIME
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW MANY POUNDS OF MICA HAVE
ALREADY BEEN RELEASED BY GSA IN FY 76.
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